Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Patricia M. Stoner has not only promoted her passion, but has lived it, and through her teaching, she has displayed a love and belief in each student who has walked through her classroom door, and Patricia has diligently and tirelessly laid the foundation for those who are the future of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Patricia has dedicated the past 60 years to teaching, where she has gone above and beyond to provide a classroom that is positive, safe, and where students are encouraged and challenged to reach their highest potential and being instrumental in the academic success of hundreds of youth; and,

Whereas, Patricia was born and raised in Lebanon, South Dakota, where she graduated from Lebanon High School, attended Northern State University, and graduated with a degree in education; and,

Whereas, Patricia began her teaching career in 1957, and for the first few years of her career, she taught at Cass School, Lebanon School, Bridge School, and grades 1-8 at Artichoke Rural School before transferring to Gettysburg School District, where she taught for the past 51 years; and,

Whereas, Patricia has devoted her life to the betterment of her students, school, and community, and she has been a true testament to what every educator should strive to be, and the Gettysburg School District has been fortunate to have not only a person who gives high-level instruction and education, but someone who dedicates herself to her students in the same manner as she dedicates herself to her family; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper as the Governor of South Dakota to recognize and commemorate this memorable occasion in the life of this outstanding educator:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2017, as

PATRICIA M. STONER DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State